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Dear Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,



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	C28	Advertisement for "Fortune Wheel," Project Customer Services, 2 pages (date unknown)
	C29	Advertisement for "Road Hog," Barcrest, 2 pages (date unknown)
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